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PARA 6 OF REFTEL REPORTED GIST OF OCTOBER 19 STATEMENT

BY SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE JIMMY KRUGER ON NEW

WAVE OF BANNINGS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS.

HEREWITH FOLLOWS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF KRUGER STATEMENT:

IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PROCLAMATIONS APPEAR WHEREBY A NUMBER
OF ORGANISATIONS ARE DECLARED UNLAWFUL AND CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS ARE
PROHITED.

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"THE UNREST WHICH TOOK FIRE IN THE COUNTRY LAST YEAR AND HAS FLARED UP

SPORADICALLY SINCE, WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT SPONTANEOUS.

"THE GRIEVANCES ORIGINALLY ADVANCED AS CAUSES HAVE LONG SINCE DISAP-
PEARED IN THE BACKGROUND. NEW GRIEVANCES, NEW GOALS AND NEW PROCESSES

ARE ALMOST FROM DAY TO DAY BROUGHT INTO FOCUS TO SEE THAT UNREST CONTINUES AND IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENGINEER THE DESIRED CONFRONTATION BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK.

"A RELATIVELY SMALL GROUP ARE TAKING THE LEAD IN THIS BUT USE IS BEING MADE OF A WHOLE LOT OF ORGANISATIONS AND OF MANY PEOPLE.

"IN THE PROCESS, MUCH DAMAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE AND MUCH SUFFERING CAUSED. THE LIFESTYLE OF SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED AND IT IS PARTICULARLY THE BLACK POPULATION IN THE

REPUBLIC WHICH IS SUFFERING UNDER IT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THOUGH THE DISRUPTION OF THEIR COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS AND THROUGH THEIR HOUSES BEING BURNED DOWN.

"THE TIME HAS ARRIVED THAT (THE GOVERNMENT) CAN NO LONGER CONTINUE TAKING ONLY PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HATE CAMPAIGN. POLICE ACTION WAS LARGELY SUCCESSFUL.

"THE MAIN ORGANISERS, HOWEVER, ARE KEEPING IN THE BACKGROUND AND CONTINUE USING ORGANISATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, PEOPLE (AND ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY

YOUNG PEOPLE) FOR THE CREATION OF A REVOLUTIONARY CLIMATE AND FOR THE ORGANISATION OF UNREST.
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"AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, COMMITTEES WITH A REGIONAL MAGISTRATE AS CHAIRMAN AND TWO OTHER LAWYERS AS MEMBERS WERE APPOINTED IN TERMS OF CLAUSE 17 OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950 TO MAKE FACTUAL REPORTS IN REGARD TO CERTAIN ORGANISATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS.

"THE FACTS IN THE FACTUAL REPORTS LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATIONS MENTIONED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ENDANGER THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER AND THAT THE PUBLICATIONS MENTIONED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AMONG OTHER THINGS SERVE AS A MEDIUM TO EXPRESS ATTITUDES, THE PUBLICATION OF WHICH ENDANGERS THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER.

"IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO DECLARE THE ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED AND THE PUBLICATIONS TO BE UNLAWFUL AND TO PROHIBIT THEM.

"FROM THE NATURE OF THE CASE, I CANNOT EXPAND FULLY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATIONS, I WISH HOWEVER, TO POINT TO ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT AND

THAT IS THE MANY OF THE ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNLAWFUL

DO PRAISEWORTHY WORK IF JUDGED PURELY ON THEIR NAMES.

"THE PUBLIC IS WARNED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE MISLED BY THIS. THE ORGANISATIONS' FINE-SOUNDING NAMES AND AIMS SERVE ACTUALLY ONLY AS SMOKESCREENS TO CONCEAL THEIR UNDERMINING ACTIONS.

"SECONDLY, IT WAS DECIDED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST PEOPLE WHOSE ACTIVITIES ENDANGERED THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER. SOME HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED, BUT WHERE THAT WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE, USE HAS BEEN MADE OF THE INTERNMENT POWERS CONTAINED IN CLAUSE 10(1) (A) BIS OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950.

"A REVIEW COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE STATE PRESIDENT IN TERMS OF CLAUSE 10 SEX OF THE ACT TO INVESTIGATE MY ACTION UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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CLAUSE 10(1) (A) BIS.

"ANYONE WISHING TO MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS TO THE REVIEW COMMITTEE SHOULD DO SO TO THE SECRETARY FOR JUSTICE, PRIVATE BAG X81, PRETORIA 0001 AND ANYONE WISHING TO GIVE VERBAL EVIDENCE OR REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD INFORM THE SECRETARY MENTIONED.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO SEE THAT PEACEFUL SO-EXISTENCE OF PEOPLES IN SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT DISTURBED BY A SMALL GROUP OF ANARCHISTS.

"THE SITUATION WILL THEREFORE BE CLOSELY WATCHED AND, IF NECESSARY, NEW MEASURES WILL BE CONSIDERED. PEOPLE WHO THINK THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALLOW ITSELF TO BE INTIMIDATED OR PRESCRIBED TO ARE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE.

"AS HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE, ALL GRIEVANCES WILL BE INVESTIGATED AND ELIMINATED WHERE JUSTIFIED. ACTION ENDANGERING PEACE AND CALM IN OUR COUNTRY WILL HOWEVER, IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE TOLERATED."BOWDLER

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